

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/797,313

Applicant(s)

KLINGLER ET AL.

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicants' arguments of 6-6-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Stempel on 8-12-2005.

Claim 3, line 1 "one of" has been deleted.

Claim 11, line 1 before "the" - -in- - has been inserted.

Claims 13 and 14, line 1 of each "1" has been changed to - -7- -.

The section of claim 17 starting in line 2 with "optionally" and ending in line 3 with "silane." has been replaced with - - amine optionally substituted with C₁-C₄-alkyl or aryl or silane optionally substituted with C₁-C₃- alkyl - -. Antecedent basis for this appears in the second complete paragraph at p. 11 of the specification.

Before giving the reasons for allowance, the Examiner acknowledges that Gage et al, WO 99/12919 was intended as the major reference in the rejection in the previous Office Action, and not Gage et al WO 00/55150.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: See applicants' arguments relating to the difference in structure of the substances being hydrogenated in the auxiliary reference, i.e. Holz et al. They are derivatives of 2-alkenoic acids having an acylamino moiety attached to the 2- or 3-position. The instant compounds are unsaturated lactones of a more complex structure and do not have an amino group of any kind attached to the carbons of the double bond. Further as

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applicants argue Holz et al do not report uniformly superior results for catalyst of the instant process. Thus it would not have been obvious to use the catalyst used by Holz et al in the process of Gage et al, WO 99/12919.

Any comments by applicants relating to the above must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Dentz whose telephone number is 571-272-0683. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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